WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Working for Low-Income Housing

Rick McVeigh

A proposal before the Housing Task Force was introduced on 16 September 2002 with the purpose and intent of: "To create and generate enough low-income housing to ensure that our lowest income people can afford a place in which to reside on a permanent basis throughout Thurston County, not only for today, but to set up the necessary functions to insure this in the future generations of our communities."

With only a few concrete numbers to work with, the proposal calls for an in-depth consolidation of investigation from a variety of sources including the Housing Authority of Thurston County, South Sound Mental Health, NAMI, BHR, as well as organizations such as CYS. The investigation is one of discovery to see how many and what types of housing units are needed to fulfill existing demand throughout Thurston County. We already know that there are over 1800 vouchers approved for families in the county that can not find a place to use them. The mental health providers will be able to coordinate other types of specialty construction techniques for the unique necessities of their clientele.

1) This is only the first step at arriving at a more positive number to work with. As disclosed under the Methodology disclosure: "Calculate the total number of housing units necessary to fulfill this purpose.
2) Involve as many "community service organizations" as possible.
3) Educate the general public as to the need for this facilitation.
4) Organize architectural professionals and contractors to design specifics of housing, as needed by the various community service organizations for them to be able to fulfill their goals by their specialties of involvement.
5) Coordinate housing needs to areas of the County based on the housing voucher list maintained by HATC.
6) Involve the various communities throughout the County, and encourage them to reduce impact fees for low-income housing to reduce the expenditures by the various investors in it.
7) As an entity, Housing Task Force of Thurston County, encourage financial partnerships to participate in this pursuit. And further, possibly creating an independent Corporate entity to own, operate, manage, and grow as the needs of the County change in the future.
8) Organize cost analysis for each project by the various community service organizations that become involved. Including a Payback Business Plan for each of the Projects Proposed, including involvement in assisting with other outside financing.
9) Coordinate the various projects into one financial proposal for the County Commission of Thurston County to produce a "Revenue Sharing Bond" to be placed on the Ballot to the voters of the County for approval and execute the proposal unified in purpose and intent. The Revenue Sharing Bond would finance up to one-half of each and every project proposal.

Though the Housing Task Force has never undertaken such a feat, this will give them the opportunity to do so. The project, called the Thurston County Low-Income Housing Project, was assigned to the Move to Housing Committee of the Housing Task Force headed up by Selena Kilmoyer of Bread and Roses.

This project is going to take a lot of dry work of numbers crunching and coordinating efforts from many members throughout the county. Anybody willing and wishing to help with the project may contact, Rick McVeigh, 203 E 4th Ave., Suite 410, Olympia, WA., 98501, or leave a message on his voice mail at (360) 252-3304, or email him at critter23us@yahoo.com. My office is fully committed to this project and I am short many forms of resources.

Follow the Money

If you can't find out what a candidates stance really is, at least see who trusts them. Are these your friends?

Top Contributors: Yes on 51

Boeing	225,000
Microsoft	100,000
Bill Gates	100,000
Weyerhaeuser	100,000
Asphalt Paving Asso.	100,000
Seattle Mariners	100,000
Asso of Gen Contractors	95,000
Vulcan (Paul Allen)	50,000
Building Industry Assn of WA (BIAW) - Business Association	50,000
Master Builders Association Affiliate of BIAW	50,000
WA Association of Realtors	50,000
Voicestream	50,000
Bank of America	40,000
Total	$2,906,176

No Money Raised for No on 51

Top Contributors to I-776

Wes & Nancy Lematta Biz Owner - Columbia Helicopters	10,000
Tim & Karen Eyman Sponsor - Permanent Offense	9,500
Bellevue Square Managers	5,000
Brian & Liz Beckman	4,100
Conrad Krack Engineer, Sealand Corp	3,200
Iowa Tax Limitation Comm	3,000
Duane Alton Owner - Alton's Tire in Spokane	3,000
Star Rentals	2,500
Kyle & Midge Hesse	2,250
William Jones/Jeanne Monthy	2,250
Timothy Lederle	2,000
Puget Sound Security Patrol	2,000
Stan & Julie O'Donnell	1,300
Allison Corporation	1,250
Bruce's Shake Mill	1,000
William Farden Owner - Fishing & Hunting News	1,000
Don Crouch	1,000
Richard Hannah Owner - Hannah Motor Co.	1,000
T. Christiansen Owner - Mohawk Apartments	1,000
Terry Carlson	1,000
WA Cedar & Supply Co.	1,000
Charles Campbell/Clarisse Pomeroy	1,000
William Conner Owner - Conner Homes Inc.	1,000
Ed & Lois Mcleary	1,000
Total	$285,808

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The following endorsements were made by **Environmentalists**: *Washington Conservation Voters*; **Labor**: *WA Federation of State Employees*; and **Queer rights**: *Freedom Vote*

WIP Presents: Civil Rights Endorsements		WCV	WFSE	FV
THURSTON COUNTY	Thurston PUD -- **Gary Cooper**	Yes		Yes
	Thurston Sheriff -- **Glenn Quantz**			Yes
U.S. CONGRESS	Dist. 3 -- **Brian Baird**		Yes	
	Dist. 9 -- **Adam Smith**		Yes	
STATE SUPREME COURT	Pos. 3 -- **Mary Fairhurst**	Yes		
	Pos. 4 -- **Charles Johnson**	Yes	Yes	
	Pos. 7 -- **Bobbe Bridge**		Yes	
STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	Dist. 20 (Pos. 1) -- **Richard DeBolt**		Yes	
	Dist. 20 (Pos. 2) -- **Gary Alexander**		Yes	
	Dist. 22 (Pos. 1) -- **Sandra Romero**	Yes	Yes	Yes!
	Dist. 22 (Pos. 2) -- **Sam Hunt**	Yes	Yes	Yes!
	Dist. 22 (Pos. 2) -- **John D. Olson**			NO!
	Dist. 35 (Pos. 1) -- **Kathy Haigh**		Yes	
	Dist. 35 (Pos. 2) -- **Bill Eickmeyer**		Yes	
INITIATIVES	**Referendum 51** -- *Transportation*		Yes	
	Initiative 776 -- *Car tabs*	NO	NO	
	Initiative 790 -- *Law enforcement pensions*		Yes	

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Peace Vigil/Anti-wer Rally

Monday, October 7th, 6 pm
Sylvester Park, 5th and Capitol, Olympia

* No attack on Iraq
* Stop the war against the people of Palestine
* Stop the war on civil liberties
* No to the "Patriot Act"

6:00-6:30 Candle light vigil
6:30-7:15 Speakers on stopping the wars in Iraq and the Middle East, on the impact of the wars on domestic repression and violence, and the prospects for Peace
7:15-7:45 Peaceful and spirited march
7:45-8:00 Closing comments and community building

Choosing Peace invites the Olympia community to a Peace Vigil/Anti-War Rally to protest the drumbeats for war. October 7, 2002 is the anniversary of the U.S. war against the people of Afghanistan, the beginning of the so-called "War on Terrorism." The world is not a safer place with the Bush administration calling for an attack on Iraq, a war that virtually the entire world is against, from Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, the United Nations, and even the our Arab "allies." The United States is the major funder and architect of the repression of the people of Palestine and has consistently blocked efforts in international bodies, such as the UN, to bring about a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the region. The Patriot Act, passed last year, has justified the imprisonment of over 1,000 people without any charges remotely related to the attacks of 9/11. The so-called "collateral damage" does not just include persons overseas but also those who reside in this country. Come and add your presence, your voice, to stop the madness. The people of Latin America often bring pots and pans and a wood spoon to protests. This amplifies their voices. You are invited to bring these peaceful utensils to make our presence heard at appropriate times. Also please bring remembrances of victims, domestic and international, of these unjust wars. This will be an important peaceful opportunity to say:

No to war, no to international and domestic repression, Yes to peace and justice.

Sponsored by the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP), Olympians for Peace in the Middle East (OPME) and Choosing Peace Coalition. Call 867-6513 for more information.

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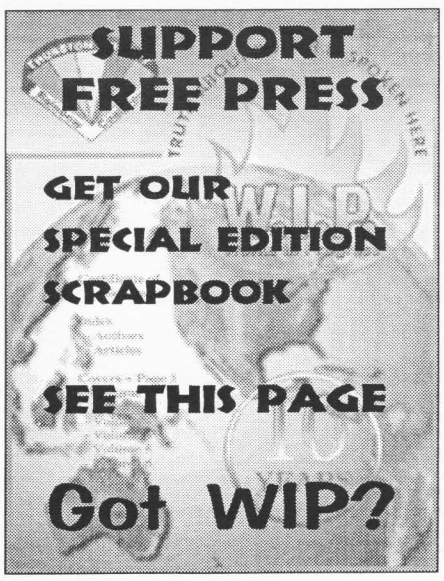

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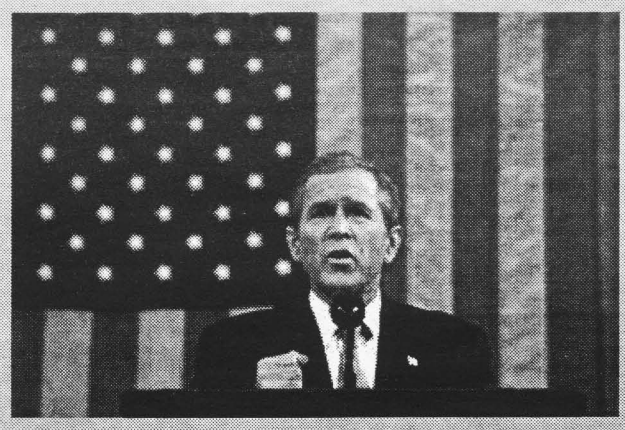

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Source: Green Pages

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
War is a poor chisel to carve out tomorrow. MLK		**1** **2001**: Bush to give money to allies against Bin Ladin/Taliban **2001**: AP reports major slow down of Hawaiian tourism	**2** **1963**: US predicts Vietnam victory by 1965 **1967**: Thurgood Marshall on Supreme Court **1986**: Senate imposes sanctions on S Africa	**3** **1945**: Truman suggests A-bomb ban with U.S. as monitor **2001**: Bush asks $75 billion for stimulus package (tax cuts!)	**4** **1933**: Freedom of press suspended by Hitler **2001**: WA state rejects PSE rate increase **2001**: Bush asks 3 billion for 9-11 laid off	**5** **2001**: Bush officials: won't bomb soon **2001**: Boeing to layoff 3,600 in Puget Sound **2001**: 1st anthrax victim dies in Atlantis FL
6 1997: Supreme Court rejects Sandy Nelson's appeal, upholds ruling that newspapers have right to bar reporters from political activity	**7** **2000**: Kaiser strike ends after two years **2001**: US begins bombing Afghanistan; hundreds protest at Sylvester Park	**8** **2001**: Mailroom employee in Boca Raton positive for anthrax **2001**: AT&T buys TeleCorp for $2.4 billion	**9** **1966**: Vietnam War costs $2 billion/ month **2001**: Supreme Court denies Microsoft appeal to toss findings of antitrust violations	**10** **1940**: Luxembourg plebiscite votes 97% against Nazi occupation **2001**: 3rd FL employee positive for anthrax	**11** **2000**: US House approves $150,000 and paid health care to nuclear weapons/uranium mine workers w/ terminal illnesses	**12** **1952**: Scientists attack US anti-Communist visa policy as peril to science **1973**: Spiro Agnew resigns vice-presidency
13 **2000**: Maria Cantwell breaks state campaign record; $6.1 million **2001**: 5 more newspaper employees positive for anthrax in FL	**14** **2001**: Taliban offers to hand bin Laden over to third nation if US offers evidence against him and halts the bombing; Bush rejects offer	**15** **2001**: Bethlehem Steel Corp files Chapter 11 **2001**: U of W will begin next Oct to provide info on foreign students to federal government	**16** **1967**: Joan Baez arrested at anti-draft rally. She sang for reporters and was charged with disturbing the peace	**17** **2001**: Contract for 4th Ave Bridge is awarded to an Oregon company **2001**: 31 US Senate workers test positive for anthrax	**18** **2001**: Six more anthrax cases **2001**: Glenn Quantz announces his candidancy for Thurston County sheriff	**19** **2001**: Commerce Dept announces trade deficit was only $27.1 billion in August **2001**: Sikh man was attacked in Renton
20 **2001**: Bush orders CIA it's most "sweeping and lethal covert action since" it's founding and adds a billion to the agency's budget	**21** **2001**: DC post office employee has Anthrax **2001**: Olympia: 100 Muslims/Jews share "food, friendship and info on their religions"	**22** **1954**: Ike okays training of S Vietnam Army **2001**: Two postal workers die of anthrax **2001**: Nature Conservancy buys Rainbow V.	**23** **1953**: 1,456 forced off fed payroll in 4 months by security inquiry **1968**: Students seize office building on Berkeley campus	**24** **1936**: Berlin: Reich 1st to recognize Italian conquest of Ethiopia **2001**: Anthrax strain was likely produced in United States	**25** **1958**: 10,000 students participate in Youth March for Integrated Schools in Washington **1960**: Georgia: MLK gets 4 months for sit-in	**26** **2000**: WA Supreme Court overturns I-695 (license tabs) **2001**: Anthrax not linked to bin Laden, likely US "extremist"
27 **1938**: N.J. court writ bars further deportation of CIO organizers **1977**: Carter says US will support UN arms embargo on S Africa	**28** **1984**: LAPD reports wave of gang killings tied to narcotics **1999**: OR environmentalists donate 75 acres for national monument	**29** **1965**: US explodes 80-kiloton H-bomb over Aleutian Islands **1979**: 1,045 anti-nuclear demonstrators try to close the NYSE	**30** **1965**: Vietnam: US bomb friendly village, killing 48 civilians **1970**: Angela Davis sues NYC to be released from solitary	**31** **2001**: Local species recommended to endangered list: Mazama gopher, streaked horned lark, Whuldge checkerspot butterfly	...the attitude of the United States of America is a threat to world peace. Nelson Mandela	

Justice
Who Wants Who to be Big Judge

-- Jim Johnson --

Matson for Congress Lobbyist for BIAW	20,000
WA State Republican Party	19,000
Aho Construction Inc	15,000
WA Affordable Housing Council PAC for BIAW	12,250
Realtors PAC	5,000
Physicians Insurance	5,000
Jim Johnson	2,630
Richard Welsh - Retired	1,530
WA State Farm Bureau PAC	1,300
Timothy Ford Attorney for BIAW	1,000
Dennis Reynolds Attorney for Builders, Olympian, more	1,000
Rental Housing Association	1,000
Dennis Bassford President, Moneytree, Inc.	1,000
David Bassford VP, Moneytree, Inc.	1,000
Associated Builders & Contractors	1,000
Building Industry Group	1,000
Skip Rowley - Developer	1,000
Jackie Thurman - Retired	1,000
Edward Lynch Former VP for Peter Kiewit	1,000
Sundquist Home Inc Development & Rentals	1,000
McDonald for Congress Republican Senator Dan McDonald	1,000
Tri-Cities Housing Council PAC for BIAW	1,000
George Teeny Casino Owner in La Center	1,000
Total	**$186,110**

-- Mary Fairhurst --

Stan Fairhurst	4,745
Low Cost Fundraisers	1,773
Kay McBreairty - Consulting	1,218
Mary Fairhurst (Candidate)	778
Ellen Dial Attorney for Perkin Coie	600
Cheryl Garland Attorney for Nordstrom	500
Mary Dore - Retired	500
Kevin Daniels	500
John Sampson Attorney, WA Gen. Attorney's Office	500
Ed Bacciocco - Retired	400
Michael Sellars Attorney, WA Gen. Attorney's Office	400
Mary Theiler Attorney - Theiler, Douglas, etc	400
Barbara Madsen WA State Supreme Court Judge	360
William Dillon - Contractor	350
Katy Taylor	345
Orland Lewis Law Professor at Gonzaga	300
Judy Chambers	300
Tom Chambers WA State Supreme Court Judge	300
Ann Essko Attorney, WA Gen. Attorney's Office	300
Jeannie Cushman Attorney, WA Gen. Attorney's Office	300
Evelyn Lopez Attorney, WA Gen. Attorney's Office	300
Ann McLane - Spokane Homemaker	300
Jan Peterson Attorney, Peterson, Young, etc	300
Narda Pierce WA General Attorney's Office	300
Nisqually Indian Tribe	250
Nancy Wildermuth - Attorney	250
John Clute Law Professor/Attorney at Gonzaga	250
Albert Goerig - Endodontist	250
Nancy Georig - Nurse	250
Total	**$53,610**

-- Pam Loginsky --

The Doctors Co. PAC of WA Lobbies on medical liability issues	1,000
Safeway	625
Thurston Co. Deputy Prosecutors Assn.	500
Kevin Korsmo - Dep. Prosecutor, Spokane	200
James Whisman - Attorney, King County	200
Lucretia Greer WA Attorney General's Office	200
Jacqueline Aufderheide - Dep. Pros, Kitsap	100
Juelanne Dalzell Prosecuting Attorney, Jefferson County	100
John Doleze Prosecuting Attorney, Kitsap County	100
Seth Fine - Attorney, Snohomish Co.	100
Conrad Hoskins Prosecuting Attorney, Columbia County	100
Thomas McBride Attorney/Lobbyist for WA Prosecutors	100
Tom Metzger Prosecutor, Pend Oreille County	100
Jeffrey C. Sullivan - US Attorney	100
Linda Winslow Attorney, Clark Nuker PS	100
Total	**$5,520**

-- Charles Johnson --

James Buckley Buckley & Associates Law Firm	4000
WA Affordable Housing Council Building Industry Assn of WA PAC	3500
James Holman Attorney, James L. Holman & Assoc	3000
Gregory Stewart Manager, AG Stewart Co.	2500
Robert Hibbs - Attorney	2000
David Vail - Attorney	2000
Dave Westcott Attorney, Real Networks (Software)	2000
Rush Hannula Harkins & Kyler Llp Law Firm	1250
Judge Tom and Judy Chambers	1000
Virginia DeCosta - Attorney	1000
Richard Eyemann Attorney, Eyemann Allison, etc	1000
Monte Hester - Attorney	1000
Ron Perey - Attorney	1000
Rental Housing Association PAC	1000
WA Federation of State Employees	1000
WA State Labor Council	1000
WA Teamsters PAC - Union	1000
Withey Coluccio Stritmatter, etc. Law Firm	1000
Total	**$71,770**

Thurston County Sheriff
Who Wants Who to be Top-Cop

Top Contributors to Quantz

Thurston County Democrats	3,000
Low-Cost Fundraiser	1,421
Dave Kempher Thurston Democratic Chair	1,277
Ken & Terrie Beckford Ken's Country Care in Tenino	750
WA State Democrats	500
John & M Heelan Owners - O'Blarney's Pub	500
Laverne Quantz	500
L. Danielle Westbrook Assistant - TC Prosecutor's Office	394
Low-Cost Fundraiser	339
Michael Scroggins - As. Dir State Board Comm & Tech Colleges	320
Low-Cost Fundraiser	305
Richard & Catherine Fernalld Pilot - Alaska Airlines	300
Gordon and Adel Phillips Deputy Sheriff - TC Sheriff's Office	300
Joyce Gillie - Retired Board - Child Care Action Council	290
Diedri Cartino Corrections Officer - Sheriff's Office	250
Bud Hays - Retired Fmr Undersheriff in Mason County	250
Raymond Valdez - Manager Sunshine Physically Handicap Foun	210
Low-Cost Fundraiser	210
Carol Gordon - Retired Mental Health Counselor	200
Total	**$17,695**

Top Contributors to Edwards

Assn of TC Deputy Prosecuting Att.	1,000
Joseph Williams Developer	1,000
Remi & Chris Hansen Ray "Remi" is Chief Deputy	782
Alice M. Thomsen - Retired	700
Rainier General Development Developer - Doug Bloom Pres.	500
Margaret Clapp - Developer	500
Larry Schorno - Retired	500
Frank E. Roberts & Frank Roberts Contractors	300
William Ehlers - Retired Doctor	300
Stephen K. Boone Dealer - NW Harley Davidson	300
Real Estate Resources Owner - Larry Weaver	250
Ronald G.T. Smyth	250
Alice Schorno	250
Daniel Kimball Captain - TC Sheriff's Dept.	250
Robert C. & Doris Schuetz Owner - Olympic Arms (Guns)	250
Joseph A. & Betty Alongi Contractor	250
M.D. & Marieke Edwards Self-Employed Bank Consultant	250
Denise & John Quinn Miller Brewing Co Executive	250
Bradley J & Kristeen Watkins Law Officer - TC Sheriff's Dept	250
Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers	240
Harold LeMay Enterprises Garbage Collection Co.	200
Gene & Janet Weaver Realtors	200
Total	**$32,110**

State Reps
Who Wants Who to Represent them in the 35th

Top Contributors to Tim Sheldon

AT& T (Seattle, Oly, and Denver)	1800
American Electronics Association	1250
Boeing	1250
Certified Public Accountants PAC	1250
Public School Employees of WA	1250
Puget Sound Pilots - Union	1250
Trucking Action Committee	1250
WA Food Industry PAC	1250
WA State Council of Police & Sheriffs	1250
WA State Dental PAC	1250
Weyerhaeuser	1250
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1225
Qwest PAC	1225
WA Beer & Wine Wholesalers PAC	1225
WA Medical PAC	1225
Yakima Valley Growers & Shippers	1225
Anheuser Busch	1200
Capital One	1200
Total	**$85,435**

Top Contributors to Marilou Rickert

Bonnie Graft	830
Marilou Rickert	380
Lisa Queen - Teacher	200
Callie Jean Wilson - Health Care	200
Norma Bayes - Retired	200
Lynn Pruzan - Retired	150
Eve Rickert - Student	130
MW Gregory	100
William Matchett	100
Sherrie Mckinstry	100
Olympia Painting Exchange	100
Brena & Renato Pellandro	100
Rhythm Rockets	100
David Wood	100
Kathleen O'Shaunesy	90
Total	**$4,360**

(Follow the Money, continued)

Top Contributors to No on I-776

League of Conservation Voters	8,000
Parsons, Brinckerhoff, etc.	3,000
Amalgamated Transit Union	2,500
Jeffrey Brown	2,000
Foster Pepper & Shefelman	2,000
PGE	2,000
Vulcan, Inc (Paul Allen)	2,000
Cocker Fennessy, Inc	1,000
Parametrix Inc	1,000
I.U.P.A.T. District Council No 5	500
Seattle Bldg & Const Trades Cncl	500
Lathing Acoust Drywall Local 1144	250
Coastal Treatment Services	200
St Pavers, Sewers Workers Union 44	100
Total	**$25,050**

Top Contributors to I-790

Seattle Firefighters Local 27	100,000
Seattle Police Guild	77,395
Tacoma Firefighters Local 31	40,000
Pierce County Deputy Sheriffs	35,000
Tacoma Police Local 6	32,800
Spokane Police Guild	26,000
Seattle Metro Police/Sheriffs	25,000
Snohomish Deputy Sheriffs	21,600
Spokane Deputy Sheriffs	20,500
Spokane Firefighters 29	18,600
Bellevue Firefighters 1704	17,400
Everett Police Officers Assn.	17,000
Total	$1,136,280
Top Contributors to No on R-53	
Building Industry Assn of WA	276,442
Skagit Island Builders PAC	1,000
Doug Bratz	500
Capstone Homes	500
Mike Conners - Mike's Marble Tile	500
Rose Crabtree - Lynden Sheet Metal	500
Jack Grover - President G&G Electric	500
James Hutchinson - Ellensburg Cement	500
Randy Koehler - RKK Construction	500
Lee Properties Inc	500
Shawn McFarlane	500
Sumner Place Homes	
Mark McNaughton	500
Biz Owner - McNaughton Group	
Pam Miller	500
Cuz Concrete Products Inc	
Gary Pahlka	500
Pahlka Waterproofing	
Ramo Construction	500
Helga Rebitzer	500
Biz Owner - Olympia Sheet Metal	
Mark Shaffer	
Biz Owner - Mark's Drywall	500
Terry West	500
Chaussee Siding Inc	
Total	**$307,607**

<=$ **More "Top Contributors" listings (follow the money)**

Palestine
No Where is Safe

Chris Allert

I wish I could go home. Some days I think I should just turn myself in to the authorities. I'll go to the checkpoint and tell the soldier that I entered the country with the intention of demonstrating and causing trouble, that I don't have a return ticket, and that I have no money. Would they put me on the next flight home? Would they spend several days interrogating me first? I have no idea. And I probably have only one way of finding out. A different set of rules applies to the people who live here. They can't really give me any advice on this matter. They simply don't know how the authorities would respond if I told them I have no money and want to leave.

I have no money and want to leave. The one statement that everyone can agree on. The story of life in Gaza.

It's not as bad as that really. One of my friends back home has been kind enough to give me some freelance work. I'll have enough money to buy a plane ticket in about a week, well before my tourist visa expires on October 25. And now that I'm putting my affairs in order, I look back on the last six months and wonder what the point of it all was.

I don't think it's possible to understand the hopelessness people feel here. I've spent most of my time here in Gaza City, but I've also spent a little time in Israel (only a few days). Gaza City and Tel Aviv have a lot more in common than most people realize. The most obvious thing is the sense of insecurity everyone feels. People also tend to say the same things about the other side. "They just don't want peace." "Their religion teaches them to hate." "They teach their children to hate us." "We have been so generous, but they just can't compromize." In both places, it is adolescent boys who seem to find the call to violence most appealing. I remember being 16 years old. I remember how reassuring it was to believe there was a simple answer to everything. Like all wars, this one is being fought by children.

Before you take offence, let me reassure you that I don't see the situation as symmetrical. One side has limitless support from the world's sole superpower and the other has nothing but stone throwing children and suicide bombers. While people in Israel don't feel safe walking the streets, they can at least retreat to their own homes (assuming they still have a job and can pay their rent...). In Palestine no one feels safe anywhere. No one can sleep. The bombs could fall from the sky at any time. The bulldozers could come and demolish your home. The soldiers could wake you in the middle of the night and take you away to prison to be tortured indefinitely. There's no where to hide. Every time I hear F-16s or Apaches, I fear for my life. And the fear doesn't go away when you leave. When I'm in Israel, I still have to look up everytime I hear an airplane. Even when I see that it's only a commercial airliner my heart doesn't stop racing.

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Most people I've met here want nothing more than a better life. Almost everyone I've met would move to America or Europe if they could. One of my friends was planning to move to Germany. His mother is an Egyptian citizen, and his plan was to visit her, save money working in Egypt, and then fly to Germany to live with his German girlfriend. The only problem with his plan is that he is Palestinian. Since his mother is Palestinian, her children do not inherit her Egyptian citizenship. So he had to go through endless paperwork just to get a three-day visa to enter Egypt. Through some small miracle, he finally obtained the visa. I said goodbye to him. I was thinking of how much I was going to miss him. About two weeks later I saw him back in Gaza again. I was happy to see him again, and I asked what happened to his plan? Why was he back from Egypt already? He waited two days at the border for the Israelis to let him leave. After finally passing through the Israeli gauntlet, he approached the Egyptians, with all his papers, his valid entry visa, and they simply refused to let him enter.

My downstairs neighbors live in a flat the same size as mine, but there are four of them. They are students at Islamic University. They have to rent a flat in Gaza because their families live in Rafah, and there is a Jewish-only road that separates Rafah from Gaza. It is impossible to live in Rafah and work in Gaza because the Israelis only allow a few cars to cross the road at a time, and some days they don't allow any cars to cross at all. If it weren't for the checkpoint, it would only take about half an hour to drive from Gaza to Rafah. Anyway, my neighbor was able to spend a year studying in Japan two years ago. He showed me his videos from the time he spent there. He told me that the strangest experience he had there was riding the bullet train. It was such a strange feeling to be traveling over land without having to stop and wait at checkpoints. Now he's trying to get a scholarship to study English in the UK. He'll finish his B.A. in about a month and there's almost no chance at all that he will find a job in Gaza.

I really don't know what I can do for people here. If more Americans would visit Palestine, they would see that most people's ambitions here are much like their own, the only difference being that most people here have almost no chance at all of realizing these ambitions. But would it make a difference? Would America stop supporting Israel just because more Americans were aware of the situation? People here ask me why I came here. I used to tell them that I wanted to see the situation for myself and tell other Americans about it. I think I may have influenced my parents a little. Most of my friends already support the Palestinians. Now I just tell people that I'm here because I'm crazy. At least this makes them laugh. ◆

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Up Front
Unanswered Questions

Jerome Johnson

From Washington DC, the drums of war against Iraq beat louder every night.

The Bush Administration insist that war with Iraq is not only inevitable, it's the right thing to do. It's so right that the US is more than willing -- in fact, some would say even eager -- to go to war alone against Iraq -- with or without the consensus of the world community.

This agenda -- it cannot be called a policy -- is being strongly pushed by the civilian leaders of the national security apparatus, especially the Pentagon. Most of these people aren't national security/military experts, although some -- like UN Ambassador Negroponte and Dep. Sec. of Defense Paul Wolfowitz and Dep. Sec. of State Richard Armitage -- are veteran conservative Cold Warriors from the Reagan and Bush I administrations. Instead, these people are ideologues who care more about imposing their worldview as US policy, than taking the time to know what is really best for the US. These people believe that because the US is the sole superpower, it has the "right" -- even the "responsibility" -- to do whatever it decides is "necessary" to defend US national security, especially in the "war on terror." They believe that because the US is so strong militarily, the US can do whatever it wants worldwide. If other countries don't like it, they can cry and complain, but in effective terms they don't have the military power to physically stop the US. As a result, US policymakers don't need to care about what the rest of the world thinks. The US will decide for itself what's right, and if other countries don't like it, screw 'em. These people believe that, and believe that countries we've rebuilt (especially France and Germany) have the ungrateful gall to not only QUESTION the US agenda, but actually disagree with it -- "after all we've done for them." For these people, this "ingratitude" adds insult to injury because in their view, pre-emptive "regime change" in Iraq is actually protecting the world from the evil Saddam Hussein.

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This "thinking" on the part of administration officials is not new. The Bush campaign ran on an aggressive foreign policy plank, openly advocating war with Iraq from its beginning. At the same time, the "go it alone" idea became a main theme which played very well to GOP audiences. The first manifestations of this agenda became clear soon after the Bush administration took office, when it withdrew from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with Russia, the Kyoto Protocols and the War Crimes Tribunal.

Ironically enough, the Bush administration enthusiastically renewed commitments to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade, and the World Trade Organization.

Besides their imperialist world view, these ideologues are motivated by simple obsession:

1) they love Geo. HW Bush, the current president's father.
2) Saddam Hussein tried to have Bush I assassinated. Therefore,
3) it's time to get revenge and kill Saddam. In fact, such revenge is long overdue and it would not only satisfy American hawks, but do the world a favor. So what's the problem? they wonder.

Well, the problem is:

1) An unprovoked war is illegal under the UN charter, besides being just wrong.
2) Loathing is not a reason for a war which could destabilize the region even more.
3) Red-meat political rhetoric for the hysterical GOP and anyone else foolish enough to believe it is NOT a coherent foreign policy.
4) Despite the Administration's insistence to the contrary, the US armed services don't want a war with Iraq. They are practical people, most of them, not ideologues. They see a US military working very hard worldwide, literally from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli. The Navy is fully deployed on the world's oceans, especially in the Indian Ocean. Tens of thousands of troops remain committed in Europe, especially the Balkans (remember them?) Tens of thousands are in Korea. The secret war in Afghanistan is by no means over; thousands of troops remain committed there, and any special forces personnel left over are working elsewhere in Central Asia and Africa.

So when the senior officers commanding our military look at this picture -- the ones who will have to execute any attack on Iraq -- they are probably asking the same questions we're asking:

* What is the reason for attacking? Revenge isn't enough.
* Weapons of mass destruction? PROVE they exist. Many officials say they aren't sure and then in the same breath say the US must attack "before he gets them someday."
* Weapons of mass destruction? Many officials say they exist but they can't offer proof, because that would give away how the US gets its intelligence. So there is no proof. Apparently, these officials forget that Saddam has the same layman's knowledge of satellites, spies etc. as we do. Likewise, I guess they forgot that when John Kennedy made his case against Cuba and the Soviet Union 40 years ago, he provided his concrete evidence on the spot, before the world, and US methods weren't hurt at all. This is important when we remember that Iraq has nothing like the Soviet Union's abilities.
* Will the American people support a two-front war -- Afghanistan and Iraq -- especially when the house-to house fighting in Baghdad gets as bad as the fighting in Stalingrad, 60 years ago?
* A year after Sept. 11, 2001, bin Laden et. al. are still at large. What if Saddam Hussein escapes, too?
* What if the US action provokes a civil war in the region? We're already seeing warlords in Afghanistan resume their internecine warfare -- with equipment we gave them.
* And what happens afterward? What will replace Saddam's regime? How many US forces will have to stay in postwar Iraq, for how long? In turn, how will these huge worldwide deployments, going for years, affect future US operations?
* What if Pakistan or India -- already on the brink of open war, possibly nuclear war -- decide to follow the US "example", and launch a first strike? What if China decides the same thing, and attacks Taiwan, believing that the US is too overextended to intervene?

Let me be clear: I am NOT a fan of Saddam Hussein. He's a brutal mass murderer and warmonger who deserves life imprisonment on a desert island somewhere. But right now, containment -- not war -- is the way to handle his regime.

In Venezuela, the rumbles of revolution continue against Pres. Chavez.

In Atlanta, Aaron Macgruder warns Americans to think, question, and reassert their responsibilities as citizens.

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The Ultimate Campaign Contribution: A Soldier's Life

by Helena Meyer-Knapp

Almost overnight, war looks very likely again. Congress is turning its back on the intricate dance of multilateral diplomacy and weapons inspections, and seems ready to fall in once again behind the drum-beat for war.

Why is this happening? Election campaign attack ads on television.

This is a Congress driven by fear, but not about weapons of mass destruction. This is a Congress that fears most of all for its own re-election. And it is matched by an Executive that is just as short sighted and just as self-interested.

The Bush administration has spent the last two years concentrating much more carefully on holding onto power in Washington than on anything other than war. Hence their support for farm subsidies to get votes in the plains and for steel tariffs for votes in the core states of America's old economy. This President's nationwide campaign fundraising swings put even Clinton's efforts to shame.

Presidential election guru Karl Rove's plans are maturing - the last primaries ended last week so the November election is finally in full swing. Despite an outlook for the economy and state budgets that is bleak, Rove knows that a war will positively refocus the electorate on the President. If the bombs fall on just the right day, CNN will broadcast "smart" weapons, and no-one will care about the dead. Yet.

Pundits and commentators describe Saddam Hussein as Bush senior's unfinished business, but the truth is that a second term for this Bush is the real unfinished business. Winning elections is not just the most important thing, it is the only thing. And if a few soldiers die for the cause, well success depends on contributions from every citizen.

Their dance of fear in Washington is so cynical it is shameful.

If the United States still has allies around the world, our re-election anxieties should be their real concern. The US may re-enflame the war against Iraq, destabilize the world's oil and wrench Israelis and Palestinians into still more ferocious suffering, all for the sake of a few thousand votes.

In this time, the country needs leaders who act out of courage not fear. The vote on the President's war motion should be postponed until November 11, a date well after the election and a time for the remembrance of deep losses in wars past.

Members of Congress on all sides of the war debate should be courageous enough to run for re-election without the cover of combat, leaving decisions about life, death and global politics until after their own futures are decided.

The President needs should be courageous enough to fight a war on its own merits, if he truly deems it essential.

Furthermore, government leaders must step forward in recognition that it also takes courage to make peace. And it takes courage to save lives. Iraqis of course have suffered for years under the embargo. It is long past the time to find a way to save the lives of those women and children who cannot find food or get a good education.

And what about the Americans?. Let it never be said that our soldiers went into battle at the risk of their own lives, just to get someone elected.

As Franklin Roosevelt put nearly 70 years ago: We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

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John Poindexter, Director of the Information Awareness Office

Nancy West

"Let me just say about Admiral Poindexter, Admiral Poindexter is somebody who this administration thinks is an outstanding American and an outstanding citizen who has done a very good job in what he has done for our country, serving in the military".

So says Ari Fleisher. You know, our President's mouthpiece, errr, I mean press secretary. Ari also says "The President thinks that Admiral Poindexter has served our nation very well."

Well, I guess that depends on what you think "serv[ing] our nation" really means. If it means helping to fund the Nicaraguan Contras by the arguably illicit sales of arms to Iran, then he has. If it means lying and withholding information from the President (Reagan) so that the President can deny knowledge of illegal activities, then he has. If it means destroying government documents and misleading official investigators, then he has. All of these things Poindexter did for our nation as the supervisor of the Iran-Contra affair.

Iran-Ontra Boss

In the 1980s, Poindexter was Ronald Reagan's national security advisor. He was also Oliver North's boss. These two ran the Iran-Contra scam. The CIA wanted to support the overthrow of the Nicaraguan government but Congress said no and at the same time Iran desperately needed weapons for its war with Iraq. So, without the President's knowledge (wink, wink) they illegally sold arms to Iran and funneled the money to the rebel Contra army. Though never proven, Poindexter was also accused by a Costa Rican commission of being involved in cocaine trafficking-this also to raise funds for the Contras.

But he's still guilty isn't he?

In 1990, Poindexter was charged and found guilty of five counts of felony-conspiracy (2 counts), obstruction of justice (2 counts) and the destruction of evidence (1 count). He was sentenced to six months in prison but the conviction was overturned in 1991, in a two-to-one decision, allegedly due to his trial having been tainted by his immunized Congressional testimony. None of this might have been discovered in the first place, if he had just remembered to erase those pesky computer backup tapes.

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And now, if it means helping to create bigger and better ways to spy on its citizens, then I guess he has "served our nation very well". So well, that President Bush the younger has invited Poindexter back into government service. This time his service involves eavesdropping on our email and phone calls-all in the name of protecting us from terrorist attacks.

Pentagon's electronic eavesdropping office

Poindexter has been appointed to head the newly created, post 9/11 Information Awareness Office of the Pentagon-based Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. The purpose of the Office is information gathering through electronic sources such as the Internet and phones as well as developing more sophisticated high-tech ways to do so. The legality of the mission of this new office is questionable and even the very expansive USAPatriot Act may not be broad enough to cover it.

Hopefully, this brief biography of John Poindexter, our Bush-appointed Director of the Pentagon's new Information Awareness Office, has helped the reader to know more about this "outstanding American" and how he has helped to "serve our nation very well".

Bio Highlights

Born in Washington, Indiana in 1936, John Marlan Poindexter graduated in the top of his class at the Naval Academy in 1958 and went on to get a Ph.D. in Physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1964. In his career in the Navy he commanded missile destroyers acquiring many medals along the way and retired as a Rear Admiral in 1987. In addition to serving his country in the military and in the government, he has held several high-ranking positions in private industry with firms primarily involved in high technology and software development. His experience ranges from the highest levels of government to working in the laboratory and from naval operations to national security.

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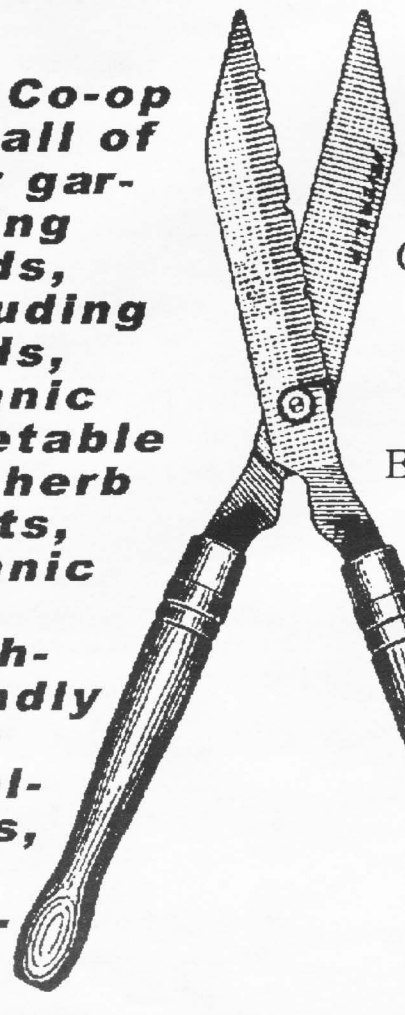

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The Recolonization of Latin America

Branden Wilson

The recolonization of Latin America is underway. The US Congress recently passed Fast Track (Trade Promotion Authority) by a mere three votes. The bill will effectively give corporations exclusive power over US trade policy. No democratic participation or debate will be tolerated. With the passage of this bill, the US is moving towards implementation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) by 2005. The FTAA is an investment agreement that will mean the annexation of the economies of Latin America by US corporations.

Nevertheless, some obstacles to US domination remain. Cuba continues to chart an independent path and the people of Venezuela, this past April, decided not to just roll over and let their democratically elected government be overthrown by a US sponsored military coup. The FARC struggle on in the jungles of Colombia, while the Social Bloc, made up of peasants, Indigenous people and Afro-Colombians, continues to pursue its own model of development and democratic polity. Similar movements thrive in nearby Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. None of them intends to lie down and allow US corporations to pillage their resources, exploit their labor, and destroy their environment.

So, what is the US government to do about this? It appears that at least in the Andes, the solution is clear: Militarization and intensified repression. The US government intends to beef up the repressive apparatus of the State through its Andean Regional Initiative (ARI). ARI is a plan constructed by the Bush administration to militarize the region in order to crush its popular movements and open its economies to the penetration of US-based multinational corporations. But, what exactly are the policies that the ARI will help to enforce?

Neoliberalism

Neoliberalism is an economic model characterizedby privatization of state industries, cuts in social spending, opening of the economy to outside competition, introduction of cheap imports and policies to increase "labor flexibility." Under these policies, the Andean region has experienced growing poverty, inequality, and unemployment coupled with shrinking economic growth.

Nonetheless, these policies have resulted in huge profits for a small domestic elite and international investors, chiefly from the US. Therefore, the principle goal of US foreign policy toward the Andean region will be to reinforce and expand these very policies. This is to be accomplished through renewal of the Andean Trade Preferences Act (ATPA), a multilateral trade agreement among the US, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. ATPA is to be a stepping-stone to the eventual Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

Since the introduction of these policies on a massive scale in the 1990's, patterns of land ownership in Colombia and Ecuador have changed significantly. Whereas before, land was previously owned primarily by wealthy Colombians and Ecuadorians, now much of it is now being bought up by US corporations. ATPA will therefore primarily benefit corporations, like Dole Foods which has exported much of it's cut-flower operations to Ecuador and Colombia, where it can take advantage of weak environmental protections and cheap labor.

Plan Colombia

These policies have naturally provoked resistance by the population in the countries impacted by them. To this, the US has had a ready response: enforce its policies through force under the auspices of Plan Colombia. Plan Colombia was the precursor to the ARI, described above. Under Plan Colombia, the US provided $1.3 billion in mostly military aid to Colombia between 2001 and 2002. This was a period of terrible repression of Colombia's social movements. In 2001 alone, state-backed paramilitary death squads assassinated 169 workers, 'disappeared' 79, and threatened over 400 more.

However, Colombia is not the only problem for US corporations in the region so the US has expanded Plan Colombia into a regional plan that includes Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia and to a lesser extent Panama and Brazil. This new plan is the Andean Regional Initiative (ARI).

Andean Regional Initiative

In 2003 under the ARI the US will provide another $827 million in primarily military aid to Colombia and its neighbors. The military portion of the ARI will be funded through Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and International Military Educational Training (IMET.) Colombia will receive about half of these funds, of which sixty-one percent will be allocated to military and security forces.

However, this only accounts for a portion of military aid to the region. Additional funds will go through Pentagon channels. Adding these funds to the ARI brings the total to $986 million. The portion going to Colombia is thus raised to $522.32 million, seventy-one percent of which gos to the Colombian military and security forces, which have the worst human rights record in the Western Hemisphere.

Under ARI, up to 800 US military and private contractors may be in the region at any one time. This is more than double the number allowed in El Salvador in the 1980's, a period in which the US through its proxies, murdered 80,000 peasants in a dirty war against the Salvadoran popular movements. Moreover, it is double the previous cap of 400 allowed under Plan Colombia. So why is Colombia so important?

Oil

This past February the US Ambassador to Colombia remarked, "After Mexico and Venezuela, Colombia is the most important oil country in the region. After what happened on Sept. 11, the traditional oil sources for the United States (the Middle East) are less secure Colombia has great potential for exporting more oil to the United States." It might be added that Colombia is suspected to have the largest oil reserves in Latin America.

Therefore, it should not have been a surprise that included in the Bush administrations FMF request last February was $98 million for the protection of the investment of Occidental Petroleum in the Caño Limon oil pipeline. The money would go to helicopters, communications equipment, intelligence and training by US Army Special Forces for a special battalion of Colombia's 18th Brigade to protect the pipeline. But, other changes were in store for Colombia this year. With the military portion of Plan Colombia in place by January 2002, it was time for a shift in strategy. The on-again-off-again peace talks between the Colombian government and the FARC guerillas were no longer useful, and so were terminated and a new more overt offensive began.

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Breakdown of Peace Process

On February 20th, former Colombian President Andrés Pastrana broke off negotiations with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-Peoples Army (FARC-EP) and ordered General Fernando Tapias, head of the Colombian Armed Forces to retake the Demilitarized Zone, where no military or paramilitary forces were allowed to operate and previously the most peaceful part of the country. Within three hours, the Colombian military began its attack in violation of the January 21 agreement to provide 48 hours notice before breaking off negotiations. The bombing campaign, months in the planning, had begun. Two hundred bombing raids took place that first night of bombardment while 13,000 troops began a full-scale invasion. With them went the paramilitary death squads, known in Colombia as the Sixth Brigade, in reference to the five official Brigades of the Colombian Armed Forces. Immediately the death lists began to appear with lists of guerilla "sympathizers," meaning anyone challenging the status quo. The Zone was declred a Theatre of Operation under the new Law on Defense and National Security giving the military complete freedom to detain, torture, disappear, rape, murder and terrorize with impunity. The bloodbath had begun.

The underlying reason for the timing of the breakdown of the Colombian peace process was that the military portion of Plan Colombia, the $1.3 billion U.S.-backed military aid package, was in place by January. But just as things were getting under way a slight complication arose, the Colombian elections. Fortunately, for the U.S. government and the interests, that it protects a very slight complication. Dominant groups in Colombia and the United States can rest easy knowing that regardless of who wins the elections State power will remain firmly in their hands. Nonetheless, Pastrana was not up for reelection and the new strategy required a new face.

Alvaro Uribe Velez

On May 5, 2001, the U.S. backed candidate, Alvaro Uribe Velez, won the Colombian Presidential election. The election was marred with irregularities and was most notable for its high level of abstention. Only 32% of the population voted. Only six million people voted for Uribe out of a population of 40 million.

Uribe's personal record gives many reasons for concern. As governor of the department of Medellin, he failed to act to prevent the massacres carried out by the 17th Brigade under General Rio Alejo del Rio Rojas in the Arato River region in 1997. Even after the massacres occurred and were extensively documented by journalists and human rights groups, Uribe failed to take any action to bring General Rojas to justice. Uribe was instrumental in covering up these crimes of which he had full knowledge. It would have been difficult to ignore the stench of the dead bodies floating down the river, which the paramilitaries had forbidden to be removed as a reminder to those who remained alive.

Uribe plans to continue and expand Pastrana's plans to create official paramilitaries along the lines of the Rural Vigilance Committees (CONVIVIR), official paramilitary groups created by Uribe in Medellin when he was Governor. The CONVIVIR evolved into a training and recruitment program for Colombia's drug-funded paramilitary death squads. Its reign of terror lasted until the end of 1997 when the grouped was banned for its massacres of unarmed civilians. When the groups were banned their membership and weaponry simply merged with the illegal AUC paramilitary group. Now Uribe plans to use CONVIVIR as a model for official paramilitarism on a national scale.

One of Uribe's most dangerous plans involves bringing the paramilitary death squads into the "peace process," something to which both the FARC and the social movements are vehemently opposed. The paramilitaries have no political position. Most observers, including the U.S. State Department, consider them merely terrorist groups at the behest of Colombian military, political, and economic elites. Their only role is to terrorize the civilian population, destroy the social movements, and prevent the emergence of anything resembling meaningful democracy. In contrast, the social movements have advocated expanding the peace process to include broad democratic participation and representation of civil society at the negotiating table.

Another cause for concern is Uribe's tolerance for narcotrafficking and organized crime. Uribe's rise to power was facilitated by close connections with the Medellin Cartel and the notorious

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drug-kingpin Pablo Escobar. In the 1980's, when Uribe was myor, Medellin was known as 'The Sanctuary' because of the virtual amnesty that drug-traffickers had from prosecution. As senator, Uribe consistently sided with the drug cartels on policy questions. For example, he worked to stop a plan for a referendum on whether drug traffickers could be extradited by Colombian courts to the US, a plan that the cartels strongly opposed. Furthermore, the paramilitary groups for which Uribe fronts are directly involved in the drug trafficking. According to the former head of the AUC Carlos Castaño 70% of the group's revenue is from the drug trade.

Perhaps of greatest concern, however, is that Uribe lacks any identifiable social or political program other than serving the interests of U.S. and Colombian elites, a characteristic he shares with his paramilitary allies. He has made it clear that he has no intent of addressing the underlying causes of Colombia's conflict: its vast social and economic inequities. Indeed, through his brutal attacks on the social movements and his commitment to neoliberal orthodoxy, he will only increase them.

Suffice to say, the short-term prospects for Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia look grim, but now is the time to begin to turn the tide. What can citizens of the US do to lessen the violence, expand democratic rights, further economic equality, and protect some of the most biodiverse areas on the planet? Support the resistance! There are many ways North Americans can help support the social, political, and environmental movements in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Venezuela. Most importantly, work to change US foreign policy; the problem is not in Colombia, it is right here in the US. Many groups have formed across the country to oppose Plan Colombia and the ARI; most are autonomous local groups; others are connected with national groups like the Colombia Support Network. You can start a group in your local community to sponsor speakers or films; have your neighbors over for coffee to talk about these and other important issues; start a sister cities program; make connections with activists in the Andean region; send a delegate to Colombia with Witness for Peace; or do protective accompaniment of Colombian activists with Peace Brigades International. But do something, because we must stop the war machine that is killing us and destroying our planet or future generations will not even have the option of creating a better world.

Anyone interested in getting involved with a local group working on these issues is encouraged to contact the Olympia Colombia Committee by e-mail at occ@onebox.com. The Olympia Colombia Committee (OCC) meets the first Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at Media Island International/ 816 Adams Street across from the Olympia Timberland Library Recommended Resources in print:

NACLA and Colombia Bulletin
And online:
www.colombiareport.org; www.csn.org; www.prairienet.org/clm

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Columbia
U.S.-Backed Violence Continues

Ron Jacobs

On Tuesday, August 6th, a new president took over in Colombia. Like the president who took over in the US in 2001, Colombia's new president Álvaro Uribe Velez is a right-winger who supports military solutions to social problems and, also like the president here, he was elected by less than 30 percent of the voting eligible population. Another parallel to Mr. Bush is found in Mr. Uribe's distaste for democracy. Indeed, Uribe has announced plans to eliminate the current two houses of congress and replace them with a single house.

Governmental action that currently requires legislation, would simply require, under Uribe's proposal, presidential decrees. Uribe justifies his plan as a means to make the government leaner and meaner. Most observers agree however, that the underlying motive is to free up more money for the military and police forces. Uribe has already asked the U.S. to increase military aid to Colombia. The U.S. has given Colombia over $2 billion in mostly military aid since 2000. Since Colombia became the third largest recipient of U.S. military aid, state repression and paramilitary violence have only increased.

As many of you know, there is a war in Colombia that has been going on for many years. This war is essentially of the rich and their hired guns, against the poor, with a relatively large middle-class in the middle. Some of these folks in the middle support the army and the rich in the hopes that this support will protect their already tenuous position in a fragile economic and social situation. Others in the middle-class find themselves supporting those who organize and work for the poor in the labor unions, church organizations and other social service organizations. They do so for a couple of reasons: because they believe that the way to make their country a better, more stable place to live is by improving the economic well-being of all of their country men and women, and because they know that when push comes to shove they are more likely to end up poor than rich. Indeed, many members of Colombia's middle class have already seen their economic situation worsen thanks to US corporate pressure (through the World Bank and IMF loan requirements) to privatize publicly owned utilities like the phone company and the electrical power company. When these types of agencies are privatized, they usually become more expensive and also force thousands of workers out of their jobs. This is done so that these newly privatized companies can show a quick profit and make their new owners, like Citigroup and Chase Manhattan, happy.

To prevent job loss and the accompanying poverty and downward spiral of despair, organizations of workers in these companies have held mass protests in the cities of Colombia. The answer to these protests by the government has been one of increased repression. The leaders of these protests have been kidnapped and gunned down by death squads who are paid by the same people who provided financial support to the new president -- the rightwing paramilitaries. These groups are involved in the drug trade and are also intimately connected to the military and various rightwing political parties and the folks these parties represent. The paramilitaries are responsible for over 2/3 of the deaths in Colombia's 30-year civil war. In what can only be construed as a cynical public relations move designed to fool the Colombian public and the US Congress, the new president and Carlos Castaño, the leader of the largest paramilitary group (AUC), recently announced that the AUC would soon cease to exist.

What they did not make clear, however, was that, instead of functioning illegally as they have in the past, this group's structure, along with most of its members, will be legalized, either by being incorporated into the military and national police force or by the creation of a parallel structure whose role will be to neutralize popular opposition. So, instead of the paramilitary soldiers illegally conducting their murder and repression of those opposed to the pro-big business policies of the Colombian government, they will now be able to kill and beat labor leaders, social workers, priests and nuns legally. A lesser role of this organization will be to isolate other rightwing paramilitaries if they refuse to join Castaño's organization.

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Meanwhile, many of those leaders and organizers who don't get killed or kidnapped have decided that peaceful protest and direct action can not change anything in Colombia and have joined the left-wing guerrilla, who have their own problems thanks to their growing involvement in the drug trade. These problems stem from the general criminality of the drug enterprise. A reasonable historical analogy can be drawn to the fate of the Black Panther Party of the United States and the difficulties it had once some of its leaders began abusing cocaine and the local chapters began recruiting large numbers of street criminals who were in the movement for prestige and money, and had little interest in politics. The guerrillas' involvement in the drug trade is the pretext that the United States government has used to send over 1.5 billion dollars in military aid to Colombia.

Even though the war on drugs has consistently proven to be a failed exercise except to those who profit from it on both sides of the law, we here in the US continue to act as if military action against some drug producers will end the use of drugs in our country. It won't. Nor is it the reason there are close to 2000 US troops in country in Colombia. Nonetheless, the United States is deeply involved in this struggle. Why? Is it because it cares about the rights of the Colombia people? Is it because the US cares about the poverty of over fifty percent of the Colombian people? Is it because it abhors the violence the Colombian people are subjected to daily? No! The history of US involvement in Colombia and the surrounding region has never been on the side of democracy and justice. In fact, more often than not, the US has supported, directly and otherwise, the greatest purveyors of the violence in that country. And it continues to do so, now under the guise of supporting the government of President Uribe -- a man whose financial support came from the paramilitaries' coffers.

The United States government is involved in the civil war in Colombia for one reason. That reason is profits for the people and companies that keep politicians like the Bushes and Clintons in power. The folks in Washington want to protect and expand the profits from the oil business. In addition, Washington's financiers want greater access to cheap labor, cheap resources and more markets to sell its goods. Plan Colombia -- the plan under which the United States sends hundreds of millions of dollars to Colombia every year, mostly in the form of weapons and ammunition -- is designed to facilitate the expansion of the FTAA free trade agreement. A new funding cycle is about to begin that will include 98 million dollars for the creation of a special battalion under US command whose only job will be to protect the pipeline owned by the US oil company Occidental. If the US considers this endeavor successful, than the program will likely be expanded to include other pipelines in the country.

Is this protecting democracy? Many men and women in the United States believe that it is an honorable thing to serve one's country. But defending an oil pipeline is not the same thing. 98 million dollars could build a lot of schools, provide for a lot of jobs, here and in Colombia.

If the US government truly cared about the people of Colombia, it would spend its money on these types of projects, not on gunships and pipeline protection.

Economic and social justice will go a lot further in making Colombia a secure and democratic place to live than helicopter gunships and special forces: Much further. ◆

Maria and Dave's South Park Adventure

David CA Zink

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in the following article are those of the author; not those of the Washington State Department of Ecology, its managemt or employees.

The first thing I noticed in South Park was an odd smell in the air, a metallic kick in the back of the throat that reminded me of something that I just couldn't quite put my finger on. Something I had smelled before somewhere . . .

Strolling down the sidewalks past modest, but well-kept houses, and lovingly cared-for gardens, a group of coworkers from the Washington State Department of Ecology, with some folks from the Seattle/King County Public Health Dept., and the federal EPA, and I were on a "Toxic Tour" of South Park, a low-income neighborhood of Seattle, led by Yalonda Sinde of the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice ("CCEJ"). The only things shabby and transient about this neighborhood are the industrial facilities, which appear absurdly out of place. South Park borders the Duwamish River, which is very polluted. Even though there are warning signs, children still play in this river.

Long Painting Company moved in to its South Park facility in 1972. There is no buffer, no green belt, between the Long Painting facility and backyards of homes the industrial buildings butt right up against.

Surveying the neighborhood, CCEJ found that industrial noises started at 6:30 AM, seven days a week. The sandblasting was "deafening". You had to yell to be heard by others in your home. Paint fumes got into the homes. Chemicals of Concern include volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Analyses of air samples taken in some of the homes showed methyl ethyl ketone ("MEK") and benzene levels four times the acceptable limit. That would explain why I saw more flower than vegetable gardening - given the contaminated soil, it's safer. Particulate matter is another concern. Some residents used surgical masks when mowing lawns, hoping to avoid breathing toxic dust.

Soon after the painting facility opened, residents started complaining of noise, odors, itching, headaches, a metallic taste in the mouth upon wakening, sinus problems, and other problems typically caused by prolonged exposure to toxic chemicals found in paints. Doctors advised some people to leave and move elsewhere.

Residents begged the corporation and City Hall to do something about this for decades, to no avail. Even though the area is zoned "residential", the company did pretty well what it wanted. One thing was clear. We can have the best regulations on the books, but it doesn't do much good if they're not enforced.

For five years, CCEJ led a campaign of letter-writing and testimony at public hearings. In fall, 2001, activists finally convinced the city of Seattle to enforce its own zoning laws. Long Painting announced that, due to constant public pressure and attention from regulatory agencies, they had decided to move to an industrial zone in Kent. CCEJ is now working with a group called Home Site to build low-income housing in this neighborhood after demolition of the facility is completed. Demolition permits have already been applied for.

"But when a community is cleared up, property values go up. That means assessed values and taxes go up. Is this going to force out the poor who you're trying to help?", somebody asked.

Yalonda said that the ordinance that CCEJ is lobbying for will include a stipulation that will assess real property value increases at no more than 10%. That should help keep rents affordable. Though market value will probably go up, the poor won't be forced out due to high property taxes. The group is conducting a door-knocking and organizing campaign to force public officials and the Seattle Housing Authority to live up to its promise of providing affordable housing to low income people somebody asked.

"Our organizing starts by going door-to-door and making personal contact with residents. We have a standard questionnaire. We ask them what their biggest environmental concerns are."

"Organizing is not about coming in with an agenda and solutions. It's about listening. That's the most important part of being an organizer: listening. You are a vehicle, an assistant, not the leader. You are a catalyst. You need the stay-at-home Moms, who live in the impacted community. You need to enable people to be the leaders. You need to provide the copying machines, the FAX machines, the places where people can meet, discuss, and work out their own solutions. At best, at most, you are a guide. Cultural awareness and competence are important -- you don't want to project 'attitudes' that might alienate people".

The organization depends on volunteers -- people who care enough about these issues and are motivated to do something about them. One problem the CCEJ has is the lack of financial resources. Yalonda talked about the "Bucket Brigade". A "bucket" is an air sampling device consisting of a cleaned-out paint bucket, a bag, and some tubes. It takes about $250. to put one of these together. Trained volunteers show residents how to use these devices, go out and suck some air into a bag. The bag is then sent to a lab for air sample analysis.

You can't separate environmental and economic justice issues. They're closely intertwined. They have everything to do with each other.

CCEJ found some students at the University of Washington in Seattle who were concerned about children's health issues. They connected them with a small, core group of about 15 affected neighborhood resident members that provide an ongoing core of effort. Up to another 60 people can sometimes come out to events, carry picket signs, etc.

I was moved by the dedication of these people. Given the harsh reality of having so much to do on such a limited budget, CCEJ must be, and has learned how to be, creative in how to best engage the services of volunteers. To continue with the organization, CCEJ volunteers must deliver at least one public speaking engagement every year. We could use some of that spirit, idealism, and innovative spirit here in my agency!

Yalonda told me how, when many people think of the environmental movement, they think about Greenpeace out there saving the Whales. Efforts to save wildlife are needed and commendable, but unless you clean up the water they live in, the whales are doomed. CCEJ is working on upstream issues - the reasons why Puget Sound water quality is deteriorating as habitat for whales, salmon, and other wildlife. Environmentalists in government agencies tend to take a linear approach. To be effective, we need to learn to take a more circular, holistic approach and see the connections. Nature works in circles. The indigenous, native people's philosophy works in circular patterns. If we don't do that, the Long Painting companies of the world will continue to get the best of us. We need to smarten up.

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At lunch, at a mom-and-pop Thai and Laotian restaurant, we talked more about the organization, its experiences, and its philosophy. One of the founding principles of the group is that working class people, indigenous peoples, and people of color must be in the leadership.

Businesses claim that it costs money and jobs to comply with all the environmental regulations. A child with asthma is costly too, but the corporations don't like to talk about medical costs to residents impacted by toxics.

Businesses claim that complying with environmental regulations will mean that jobs will be lost. Most often, agencies just accept that. Yalonda says, "We say to them, OK, prove it. We have to prove everything about pollutants, right down to parts per million, but they don't have to prove a thing; they can get by with making unfounded claims. That's permissable for them, but isn't allowed for the poor."

in Seattle.

Then we walked over to the Interstate Coatings facility.

Semis lumber down the street, bump over potholes, and stir up dust as they go in and out of this facility. Kids play on this street. I couldn't help but get the feeling that an accident is waiting to happen here.

Then it struck me. I remembered where I had smelled this odor before. It brought back memories of wandering around Tijuana and Nogales. It was the sour, solvent, exhausty smell of a maquiladora. Contaminants of concern at the Interstate Coatings site include lead, arsenic, chromium, and benzene in the air and soil.

Then we walked past the Basin Oil Facility. Even though industry is legally prohibited from buying up residential property for industrial use, it still happens. That's why Basin Oil can sit right next door to senior citizen's homes. Chemicals of concern from this activity include an array of VOCs in the air and soil.

CCEJ's organizing philosophy

"How does CCEJ get involved?,"

Toward a united front for environmental justice

The Department of Ecology is Washington's principal environmental management agency. Our mission is to protect, preserve and enhance Washington's environment, and promote the wise management of our air, land and water for the benefit of current and future generations. Our goals are to prevent pollution, clean up pollution, and support sustainable communities and natural resources.

To better accomplish our mission, we need to build stronger alliances with groups like CCEJ.

I see many opportunities for collaboration and partnership between CCEJ and Ecology. The Toxic Cleanup, Environmental Assessment and Lab Services, and the Hazardous Waste Programs could work more closely with CCEJ. The group's activists need to know who to contact for help. Taxpayer-financed agencies should be accountable to community needs, not just corporate demands. Environmental organizations are all too often underfunded. They are doing our work for us. The least we should do is provide them with some help - like helping them draw

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up an effective sampling plan. That would be "walking our talk".

There are rumors of a cancer cluster in South Park, but so far CCEJ hasn't been able to substantiate this. This will require some coordination with the King County Health Department.

Key people at the Dept of Ecology should consider taking an active role in an Inter-Agency Working Group for Environmental Justice, including the EPA, and the County Health Depts., and coordinate more effectively with CCEJ. I gave them some contact information at the EPA/Ecology Environmental Labs in Manchester and suggested they get in touch with them for information and assistance in setting up soil, vegetation, water, and air sampling plans as part of their work, and suggested some training in sampling procedures.

Perhaps working with CCEJ might help agencies like Ecology rekindle some of their original enthusiasm and spirit.

A little history

CCEJ was formed in 1994 by a diverse group of people who came together to examine environmental racism in Seattle. Hazel Wolf, a veteran environmental activist and leader right up to her 100th birthday, played a big role in getting this organization going. The mission of CCEJ is to help people that are directly affected by environmental problems like this to work out community-based solutions and to empower low-income people to make decisions on environmental quality issues which directly affect them, at the grassroots level. The group has assisted the poorer neighborhoods of color to organize to solve environmental problems in their own interest.

CCEJ's first victory in Seattle was in 1998, when they succeeded in their effort to stop the Veteran's Hospital from burning PVC plastics, a source of dioxins.

Another victory came in April, 2002 when HB 1411, a Public Notification regulation passed the Washington Legislature. But this was a "mixed" victory. The original proposal was to notify residents of affected communities within one mile of a toxic release, where releases of hazardous substances have occurred, and what is being done to clean them up. But corporate lobbyists negotiated that requirement down to 300 feet.

More information on this bill can be found at: http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2001-02/House/1400-1424/1411-s_sl_040 32002.txt CCEJ is working for an "Our Space" ordinance to prohibit the future siting and construction of high-impact industrial facilities from locating in low-income residential areas like South Park and Georgetown.

This fall, in October 2002, to mark the 10th anniversary of the Environmental Justice movements, all groups across the U.S.A. that are working on Environmental Justice issues are invited to a conference on EJ in Washington, DC. Ecology may want to send at least one delegate.

For more information on CCEJ, visit their internet website at www.ccej.org ◆

More announcements

Enterprise for Equity

Enterprise for Equity presents our Fall Market Place featuring local entrepreneurs of our Business Training Program. Come and meet the graduates and find out more about their goods and services. You'll have an opportunity to meet each business owner as you meander about the rooms of this bed and breakfast.

Light snacks provided

Thursday, October 10th from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Fertile Ground Guesthouse
311 9th Ave SE
352-2428 or 704-3375

WOMEN IN BLACK

Join WOMEN IN BLACK in a silent vigil to protest violence around the world. Please wear black.

Percival Landing at the 'Kissing Statue'
(corner of 4th and Water downtown Olympia)
Friday October 11, 5:30-6:30pm

8th Annual International Indigenous People's Day for Justice for Leonard Peltier & the First Nations

International Day of Action Against the Second Colonization of the Americas

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2002

—12:00 NOON US/Canadian Border Blaine, WA/White Rock, BC

—12:00 NOON MARCH - Salishan Park, (Blaine & Alder) Blaine, WA

—1PM RALLY at Peace Arch Park, U.S./Canadian Border

—5PM POTLUCK DINNER Picnic shelter on the hill at the Peace Arch

Sponsored by: Native people's alliance with friends and allies (npawfa). Associate sponsors: American indian movement, international indian treaty council, latin american solidarity coalition For more information: Harold 206-723-5393 or jim 206-325-0085 e-mail: Npawfa@attbi.com web: Http://home.attbi.com/~npawfa/npawfamaipage/npawfamain.html

Growing Up Gay

Sunday, Oct 13, 2-4:30pm

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity with the mission: To promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: **support**, to cope with an adverse society; **education**, to enlighten and ill-informed public; and **advocacy**, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Call (360) 866-0511 or E-mail: info@pflag-olympia.org

Free Time

Author/Film Maker John Degraff Comes To Olympia:

The author of Affluenza will speak 12-1pm at the auditorium at the Dept. of Ecology on Oct. 15th, about a national movement to declare Oct. 24th Free Time Day & to move to a 30 hour work week. FREE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC for details/directions contact Dave Zink 407-6752

He will speak again in the evening & present his film *Running Out of Time* at the State Capital Museum Coach House. Doors open at 6:30pm for refreshments prior to the presentation at 7pm FREE OPEN TO EVERYONE

Both events are made posssible by the Dept. of Ecology branch of the WPEA and are part of Choosing Peace: a series for the whole community. For more info on the Free Time Movement call 1-800-FREETIME or visit www.FREETIMEDAY.ORG

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Offering Better Ways to Live, at Less Cost — Today and Tomorrow

You're invited to attend these two workshops, presented by Anna Edey. She'll be showing slides from her own experiences, explaining how we can provide electricity, heating, cooling, food, solid waste and wastewater management in ways that reduce pollution by 80% or more, while reducing cost of living and improving quality of life. Cost: $50 for each workshop, or $85 for both workshops.

October 19, Saturday - Indoor Food Production: Solar Greenhouse Designs, Water Walls, Including Animals, Growing Micro Mix Greens for health and profit

October 20, Sunday - Wastewater Management: Waste? NOT!, Composting Toilets, Greywater Purification

At Fertile Ground Guesthouse (311 9th Ave SE, Olympia) (360) 352-2428

Who Should Attend: Homeowners, Commercial Growers, Sanitation Professionals, Eco-Design Students, and anyone who is hoping to improve quality of life on the planet Earth.

What to Bring: Pictures and/or drawings of your home or property. Anna will be doing individual site analysis for those who come prepared.

The Solviva work has been manifested since 1977 at the Solviva home and farm on the island of Martha's Vineyard, off the coast of Massachusetts. It got its start when Anna Edey discovered that there are better ways to manage wastewater than to let it leach into the groundwater and our drinking water, the way standard septic systems do.

Volunteers Needed at UCAN

UCAN needs responsible and compassionate community members to volunteer their time at Thurston County's AIDS service organization. Volunteers are needed in the office to answer phones once a week, greet clients as they come in, and answer general community questions about HIV/AIDS.

Volunteers are also needed to team up with clients to provide support as a "Buddy." "Buddies" may provide transportation to appointments, help with light chores or cooking, or they may provide social support by going for walks or to the movies. Additional volunteer opportunities are available at our Special Events or within our Education and Outreach Programs. Please call our Volunteer Coordinator for more details and a volunteer appplication at 352-2375.

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The September 11s

This letter was not accepted by The Olympian (Sep.9, 02). As you will see The September 11s (plural) could have been the GREAT article for any journalist. This article shows the complicity of the mainstream media, and the total control on them by the present maffia/dictatorship. If the "Other September 11" would been done by Fidel Castro for example, Cuba, today, would be an invaded country, destroyed by bombs. But it was the opposite. The media and the warmongers have to hide THIS September 11th, because we want to have the exclusivity of being victims; "someone" wants us to be as victim as possible. Another September 11th makes us less victims, and makes us reflect on the responsible of our acts.

We need to be more humane overnight. There are millions of brothers and sisters about to be slaughter by the greedy weapon-oil men represented by the present Government. The People of United States of America has the obligation and responsibility to protect and defend, the Constitutional Rights that were obtained with sacrifice, blood, tears, and pain, through out a very long time of struggle. It is not the Government who is gonna defend us now. Our apathy and indifference, our negation to accept our lost of humanity and love, it will create our own destruction, and the destruction of the entire Earth

The Other 9-11.

It was Tuesday also. It was almost the same hour. The year was 1973 and the geography was Chile. And three thousand persons were murdered as consequence. By 9 a.m., Dr. Salvador Allende, democratically elected president of Chile, was murdered on the floor of La Moneda, the presidential house. The irony of this is that this terror came from people sponsored, trained, armed, and supported by us, United States of America. This was also terror caused by the IT&T, Anaconda, IBM, Nixon government, and the brains of Henry Kissinger, who ironically lives in Manhattan, where "our" September 11 took place. There were thousands of tortured people, thousands of women raped by the torturers, and there are thousands of persons missing, perhaps on unmarked graves, with no flower, without name. The three thousand persons for the tender population of Chile, 12 million, are like 69,000 lives of our own population! Chile has not bombed our cities as retaliation. They have not destroyed our water systems, and they have not created sanctions of any form against us, they want justice, one of the most important elements for a Democracy to work.

According to UNICEF more than a million humans have died in Iraq because our sanctions. Five hundred thousand are children. For a country of 22 million, this is a macabre number!

Sisters and Brothers of Olympia: what should we do if it was Iraq which destroyed our water systems, it imposed sanctions on us, which did not allow us to repair our water treatment plants, neither to have chemicals to purify water, nor to have medicine to treat water borne disease? As consequence, 63,000 of our children died every month, 763,000 every year, 7.5 million U.S. children in 10 years?

A million of persons have died just for the money and power of few warmongers; which had the audacity to do it in our name, with our economical resources. America, Americans, wake-up from denial and apathy because we could be next! We need to humanize ourselves. It is not too late! This war is gonna hurt us badly. The Earth is not longer capable to resist more damage. We are at the brink of total extinction.

...and, what has happened with Chile? What happened with Neruda, always singing for the blue miracle of Chile someday; what has happened with Jara, always in the sunray of his guitar. But the wine of Chile continues arriving, more red than ever; and we Americans do not know what we are drinking; we drink Neruda's wine, Jara's wine, Chilean people's wine, it is not wine from grapes. Let's commemorate The Other September 11 with a glass of wine from shame.

Amando Barzola-Hidalgo

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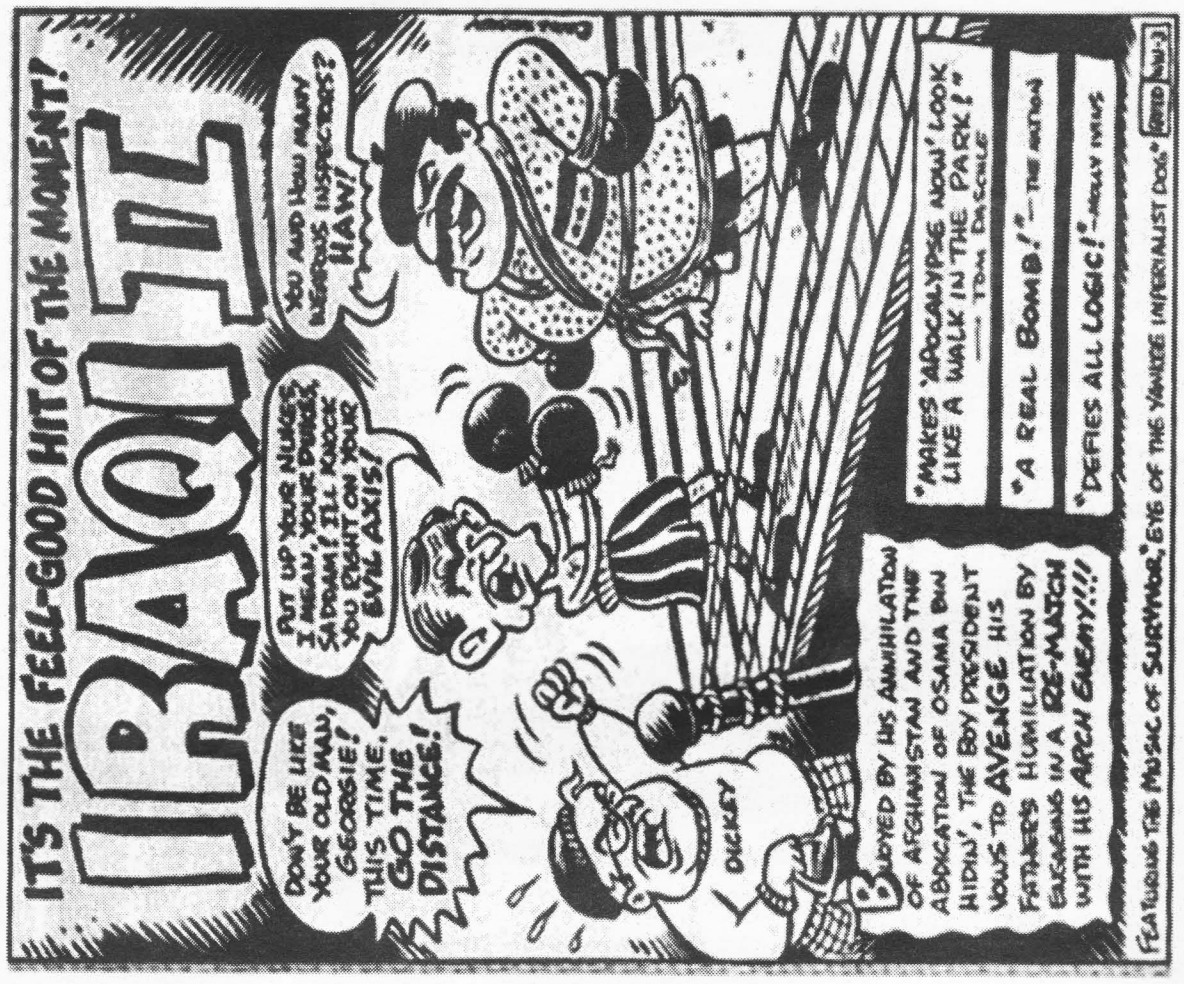
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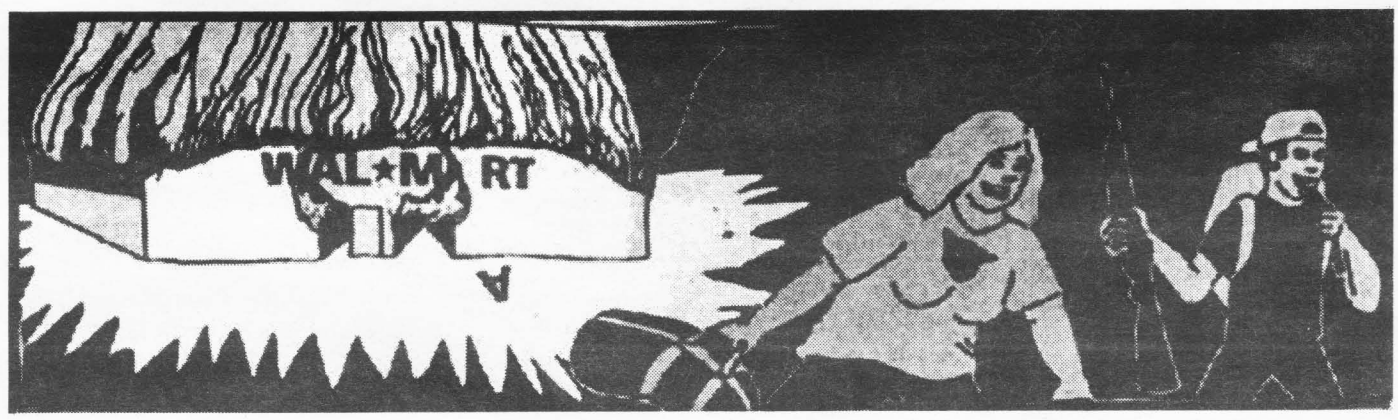

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